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## **CHAFEE STATEMENT ON BOLTON VOTE**

WASHINGTON, DC -- U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee issued the following statement on the Foreign Relations Committee vote to report, without recommendation, the nomination of John R. Bolton to be U.S. Representative to the United Nations.

“It is the constitutional duty and power of the President of the United States to appoint Ambassadors. The Constitution tasks Senators with advising and consenting to Presidential nominees.

I have reflected carefully on how to apply a principle for consideration of executive branch nominees, those individuals nominated to a limited, not a lifetime, appointment. I believe a nominee deserves to be confirmed unless there is disqualifying evidence, such as corruption, nepotism, and legal wrongdoing. I have adhered to this standard since I arrived in the Senate; thus, I have supported all of President Clinton and President Bush’s nominees for positions outside of the judiciary.

I believe a president deserves this degree of deference because having won the election; an executive ought to have the ability to put his team in place.

John Bolton would not have been my choice for US Ambassador to the UN. But, according to my principles, and absent any new damaging revelations, he should be placed in the position to which the President nominated him.”